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PROMOTE POLISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

POLISH-SOVIET SOCIETY HAS 716,642 MEMBERS -- Katowice Dziennik Zachodni, 20 Jun 50

The fifth meeting of TPPR (Polish-Soviet Friendship Association), of the Slask area will be held in Katowice on 25 June 1950. Since June 1949, the number of members has increased from 500,000 to 716,642, and the number of circles from 1,724 to 3,834. The number of circles in plants increased 345, and the number of school circles increased almost four times. The number of circles in the rural areas rose from 216 in 1949 to 689 in 1950.

The social structure of the TPPR in Slask is represented more or less as follows: workers, 400,000, farmers, 23,000; working intelligentia, 200,000, and school youths, 100,000.

The work of the TPPR is managed by 20,000 activists who operate throughout the entire Slask area.

The aim is to popularize the achievements of the USSR by means of meetings, lectures, annual conferences, art exhibits, book and photograph displays, Soviet press and books, Soviet propaganda films, and Russian-language courses.

NAMED HEAD OF POLISH-SOVIET SOCIETY -- Mannheim Ostatnie Wiadomosci, 28 Jul 28 Jul. 50

Edward Ochab, secretary of the Communist Party, has been appointed to succeed H. Swiatkowski, Minister of Justice, as president of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Association.

The reasons for the change have not been announced but it can be assumed that the Communists prefer a former member of the NKVD to a former member of the Polish Socialist Party, even though the latter had joined their ranks and rendered them services.

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EXHIBIT STRESSES POLISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP -- Legnica Wolnosc 30 Jun 50

A traveling exhibit, called "One Hundred Years of Polish-Russian Solidarity," has been opened at the headquarters of the Regional Council of Trade Unions in Lodz. Sixteen panels present portraits with biographical sketches of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Pushkin, Mickiewicz, Dzierzynski, Marcklewski, and others. Pictures and photostat: of documents stress the part Russian labor movement and the USSR played in the struggle for the liberation of Polish, and in the reconstruction of postwar Poland.

TO RECOGNIZE DIPLOMAS OBTAINED IN USSR -- Lodz Dziennik Lodzki, 7 Jul 50

The <u>Law Gazette</u> of the Republic of Poland, No 25, publishes a decree of the <u>Ministers of Education</u> and Health of 10 May 1950, pertaining to the recognition of degrees obtained in the USSR.

Graduation from a school of nigher learning in the USSR since 1 October 1917 will be considered equivalent to graduation from a corresponding school in Poland.

After hearing the opinion of the chief academic council, the Minister of Education will rule what scientific or professional degrees are to be conferred, on persons in Poland who have been graduated from schools of higher education in the USSR.

In the fields of medicine, stomatology, or pharmacy, degrees will be determined by the Minister of Education in accordance with the Minister of Health.

ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS VISIT USSR -- Legnica Wolnosc, 30 Jun 50

A delegation of Polish engineers and architects arrived in Moscow to study the reconstruction progress of USSR cities. The delegation will visit Leningrad, Stalingrad, and others.

SCOUT DELEGATION RETURNS FROM MOSCOW -- Warsaw Rzeczpospolita, 24 May 50

The delegation of the Polish Scout Association which has been visiting the USSR for the past month returned on 23 May 1950.

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